

Annapolis, Md., March 30th, 1905.

A special meeting of the Board of Public Works was held in the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury at 1:15 p. m., this date. Present: Governor Warfield, Comptroller Atkinson and Treasurer Vandiver.

The Secretary began the reading of the minutes of the Board's meeting on March 3rd, when, upon motion of the Comptroller, seconded by the Treasurer, the further reading of the minutes was dispensed with so much as read being considered the reading of the minutes of that meeting, and the same being approved.

The Secretary began the reading of the Board's meeting on March 16th, when, upon motion of the Comptroller, seconded by the Treasurer, the further reading of the minutes was dispensed with so much as read being considered the reading of the minutes of that meeting and the same being approved.

The Secretary began the reading of the Board's meeting on March 24th, when, upon motion of the Comptroller, seconded by the Treasurer, the further reading of the minutes was dispensed with, so much as read being considered the reading of the minutes of that meeting and the same being approved.

Mr. Aquila T. Robinson, Chief Tobacco Inspector, appeared before the Board in reference to certain repairs and new equipment which he considered necessary for the State Tobacco Warehouses. He stated that at Warehouse No. 4, Inspector Frank O. Smith requires the following new equipment, on which he has bids at the figures stated:

one pair of scales -----	\$80.00
two screws -----	150.00
lunber and carpenters' bill for set-	
ting same -----	<u>70.00</u>
Total -----	300.00

Mr. Robinson stated that in view of the extra work put upon warehouse No. 4, by reason of the destruction of warehouses 1 and 2 this extra equipment is absolutely necessary. And, on motion of Dr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Vandiver, the Board authorized the purchase of this equipment and the making of the necessary changes etc., at a cost not exceeding \$300.00.

Mr. Robinson reported that the floors at No. 3 warehouse need repairing and that he has received an estimate of \$85.00 for doing

the work, which he considers reasonable. On motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the Comptroller, the Board authorized Mr. Robinson to have this work done at a cost not to exceed \$85.00.

Mr. Robinson stated that the roofs of all the warehouses are in very bad condition and that he had obtained two bids for the repair of the roofs and the spouting etc. One from William Garthe Company for repairing gutters and spouts \$43.00, and repairs to the State roofs of all the buildings \$105.00, total \$148.00. The other from Mr. Henry Bach as follows: For repairing down spouts and gutters and replacing with new material where needed \$281.00; repairing roofs, replacing broken slate with slate \$210; or repairing roofs by placing strips of galvanized iron under all broken slate \$150.00.

On motion of Dr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Vandiver, the Board authorized Mr. Robinson to make contract with the William Garthe Company for the doing of the work in accordance with their bid at a price not to exceed \$148.00.

Comptroller Atkinson reported that the monument to Governor Thomas G. Pratt as authorized by Chapter 197 of the Acts of 1904 has been completed, and that the portrait of Governor Pratt also contracted for at the same time has been completed and is now in the Executive Chamber; that the work in both cases had been very satisfactorily performed. The Governor moved that a vote of thanks to Dr. Atkinson for his attention to the details of these matters be extended that gentleman. Seconded by the Treasurer and carried. The Comptroller asked that the amount necessary to put the lot on which the monument stands in the same condition as it was at the beginning of the erection of the monument be voted for that purpose, and he was requested to inquire whether the contractor would not do the sodding etc., necessary to put the lot in proper shape. If not, the Comptroller was authorized to have the necessary work done at a cost not exceeding five dollars.

The Secretary presented the following petition:

March 11th, 1905.

To the Board of Public Works and Fisheries,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

We, Oysterman, Tax-payers and Yeomanry of Somerset County

bordering upon Pocomoke Sound, a body of water continuous to and separated only from Virginia by a meagre and indefinite line, necessitating and requiring constant and vigilant patrolling to protect from poachers and depredations of Virginians owing to its proximity to the waters of Virginia, ask your Honorable body that the present boat be retained for the patrolling of the waters of the said Pocomoke Sound the entire calendar year. The young catch of oysters should be in May of June, and each year is lost to the citizens of Maryland by being caught by non-residents carried across the line and planted in Virginia, when with the retention of the police boat the waters of Pocomoke Sound would be a source of wealth to the citizens of Somerset County and of revenue to the State, also the means of feeding, cloathing and schooling the worthy of our County, which said petitioners pray your Honorable body to grant.

A. E. Tull, J. F. Green,
Frank C. Jones, J. H. Ward,
S. A. Tull, H. J. Maddor,
R. A. Conner, and others.

And the Secretary was instructed on motion of Dr. Atkinson, seconded by Treasurer Vandiver, to refer the petition to Commander Howard with the request that if practicable the same be granted with the further provision that the cost of this service be kept down to the lowest possible point.

On motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the Comptroller, the Board at 2 p. m., adjourned.

Oswald Tilghman
Secretary.